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## Office Action Summary

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10/761,335

**Applicant(s)**

OKU ET AL.

**Examiner**

Victor R. Kostak

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5,6,8,9,11,13,14,16 and 17 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4, 7, 10, 12 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 January 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/241,614.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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1. The IDS's of 09/14/06, 11/08/05 and 01/22/04 have been received, entered and acknowledged.
2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Note MPEP 606.01.
3. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. *The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided.* The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Douche et al. (6,005,629 cited by applicant).

The television processing system of Douche (noting Fig. 3) includes a receiving stage 30 (as by satellite or cable) that contains MPEG decoder 32, which further contains internal storage

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for (at least) buffering, and an additional memory 35. Stage 34 mixes the decoded video data with graphics data from source 33. The combined signal is in turn converted into any of plural formats by stage 27 (col. 4 lines 22-25) and further converted into analog format by stage 28. The signal is ultimately presented for display on a monitor (claimed first output device, col. 4 lines 29-31). A second convertor 37 also receives the decoded video signal (but without the graphics data) and converts into any of plural formats which signal is then converted into analog form by stage 38, which signal is in turn presented to another device (VCR: col. 4 line 33), thereby meeting claims 1, 4 and 12.

As for claim 7, the satellite or cable receiver has an inherent internal tuner and demultiplexing stage associated with the MPED decoder 32.

As for claim 10, Douche includes a D/A convertors 28 and 38, as mentioned above. Convertor stage 37 converts the MPEG-decoded video signal into standard definition (Douche mentions PAL, NTSC and SECAM: col. 4 lines 22-24). The converted signal is formatted into analog form for subsequent recording, as noted previously.

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Douche et al.

Although Douche does not expressly state that the initially received video signal is a high-definition signal, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to receive a

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high-definition signal since such was commonplace at the time of filing, and which MPEG transmission format can readily accommodate, and since Douche points out that conversion results in a standard format signal (PAL, NTSC or SECAM).

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

7. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 17 appear allowable over the prior art.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Victor R. Kostak whose telephone number is (571) 272-7348. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 6:30am-3:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David W. Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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